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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, XA, XO, XF, SO, ET, BE  
SUBJECT: SOMALI DIPLOMAT COMMENTS ON HORN OF AFRICA

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SOMALI DCM HASSAN MOHAMED SHABBELEH TOLD US MAY 25 THAT  
HIS COUNTRY WAS ACTIVELY SEEKING IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS WITH  
THE UNITED STATES IN WAKE OF NEW ETHIOPIAN-SOVIET RELATIONSHIP.  
HE EMPHASIZED THAT KEY TO SOMALI RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES  
WAS SOMALI CONCERN ABOUT ITS SECURITY, AND HE ASKED US PN THIS  
CONTEXT WHETHER PRESIDENT CARTER'S NEW ARMS POLICY MIGHT PREVENT THE  
US FROM DECIDING TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO SOMALIA'S REAL SECURITY  
NEEDS. SHABBELEH EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER SOVIET AND CUBAN  
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MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT AND  
ASKED US IF WE HAD ANY HAR DATA ON THE SIZE OF SOVIET AID  
AGREEMENT. HE WONDERED WHETHER THE CURRENT MOVES TO IMPROVE  
US-CUBAN RELATIONS MIGHT NOT ENCOURAGE FIDEL CASTRO TO FEEL  
HE CAN CONTINUE TO INTERVENE IN AFRICAN AFFAIRS AT WILL WITHOUT  
ANY POLITICAL COST. SHABBELEH VIEWED CURRENT SAUDIA ARABIIAN  
ROLE IN RED SEA/HORN OF AFRICA AREA AS POSITIVE BUT QUESTIONED

WHETHER THAT REACTIONARY, FEUDAL REGIME COULD IN THE LONG  
RUN MAINTAIN ITS LEVEL OF INFLUENCE WITH MORE PROGRESSIVE REGIMES  
IN THE AREA. RENNER

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